

A Generous Governor.

Between 500 and 600 newsboys appeared on the streets this evening in new suits of clothing, a gift of Governor Russell A. Alger. This whole sale giving by the Governor was part of a generous plot conceived by him some time ago, and kept from the knowledge of the boys until a few days since, when it was necessary that they should have their measures taken. The Governor's generosity in this instance cost him several thousand dollars, but he was well paid for it to-night by the happy looks of the boys.

Thanksgiving Day the Governor came out of his office in the Telegraph Block, and calling to him a little Hebrew newsboy, said: "Go fetch all the boys you see. I have a quarter for every one." As soon as the youngster recovered from his astonishment he ran like mad down the street shouting to every one in sight, and in ten minutes' time there was a howling mob about the tall, dignified form of the Chief Magistrate. The eagerness with which the boys grabbed their quarters, the enthusiasm with which the distribution was received, the cheers which made Griswald street ring from the river to the high school, made the Governor's eyes twinkle with pleasure as he stalked back to his office upstairs. It was then he conceived the idea of doing something more substantial for the lads. He took into his secret the newspapers of the town and two of the leading merchant tailors. They entered into the spirit of the plan with commendable interest. The tailors contracted to furnish good clothes at low prices and made arrangements to fit out in an expeditious and convenient manner the small army who were to be the recipients of the Governor's bounty. The names of the boys who were evenly divided into two lists and the young boys were first disposed of. A week ago 120 urchins, answered for their names and were measured for such a style as each selected. On Monday 120 more were served like wise and the remainder were served as their turn came. It was arranged to have each boy's suit delivered at his home last night. Such a night as that had not been known in many of their homes for years. There was no sleep for many of the boys, who got out their clothes as soon as the package was received, tried them on, and wanted to go to bed in them. It was really a great sight this evening to see the warmly clad, stylish looking little fellows selling their papers like young gentlemen. The scheme has been a great success, and the Governor has been showered with congratulations for his happy idea.

This is not the full measure of the Governor's generosity, however. It is estimated that he has given \$10,000 most in money presents to different public and private charitable institutions in this city, not to mention the many quiet gifts to worthy families in Detroit and elsewhere.

Greyfriars' Bobby.

Just off High street, in Edinburgh, beyond George IVth's Bridge, is a little drinking fountain with a trough for dogs attached. It is a point of interest to more than the thirsty, being unique both in subject and design. Seated on a pedestal is the image of a shaggy large-eyed terrier, whose averted gaze continually seeks Greyfriars church yard, across the intervening houses of the street. Beneath are the words:

GREYFRIARS' BOBBY.
From the life, just before his death, and below this, the following inscription:

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The story of leal Bobby has been often told, but is well worth telling again. While life sits warm at our hearts, we should remember this other little heart, so constant and so loving. He has been sculptured, painted, sketched, memorialized. It was a gloomy day that I passed the memorial fountain and turned in at Greyfriars. It was already closing time, but the old curator let me in, and while searching for a "photograph," as he called it, of Bobby, told me what he could about him. Bobby lies buried in a flowerbed in front of the church. For more than a dozen years in life he made his master's grave his home—a grave unmarked, until his own devotion became its monument. The curator tried as first to drive him away, but without success; and ended by letting him do as he would. A friendly restaurant keeper gave him food; everybody, indeed, was kind; and in his doggy heart he must have felt their kindness, yet outwardly drew near to none. Why should he, when his real life lay deep down in six feet of earth?

"Here's the photograph at last, ma'am," said the old curator, "and here's his collar, if so be you'd like to see it." I touched with reverence the half worn band of leather, remembering how near it had once lain to a faithful little heart.

"They tried to get his body away from me," continued Bobby's friend, "that they might stuff the skin and keep it in the museum. But I say to myself, 'No sirs, you mean it well, but it ain't what Bobby'd a wanted, an' he's the first call to be heaved.' You see I meant to do the fair thing by him, dead or alive. He'd never a lain here thirteen year, wet weather or dry, summer and winter, unless he'd meant it. You see, ma'am, I naturally knew it wa'n't right for his skin to be that far off from his master; so when he died, I just quietly took my own way, and got him under ground before

them as wanted him know rightly he was dead. An' there he is," (pointing to the flowerbed), "all that's left of him." Death was there, alas! yet overcome by life; since love is the only real life, loving, Bobby lives forever. —Wide-Awake.

A Christmas Elopement.

It was the night before Christmas. Approaching a mansion, Aubrey Montcalm grasped his mule by the ears and brought him under a second story window. Much silence was lying round about, mixed with darkness. Aubrey gave a whistle in a low voice. The window above went slowly up, and the owner of a head put it out.

Then came a voice like the music of the spheres when they grate together: "Aubrey is that you . . . and the mule?"

"Darling Vinetta, it is us. Hurry up, and climb down this mule's ears; mount behind, and we will cross the line into Indiana and matrimony. First, reach me down your little bundle. Don't make it large."

He dismounted and caught:
1. A hat, done up in a newspaper;
2. A bundle in a shawl strap;
3. Another bundle in a shawl strap;
4. A cord-bound hand basket;
5. A stuffed red band-box;
6. A stuffed blue band-box;
7. A large bundle, rope-bound;
8. A well-fed carpet sack;
9. Another band-box;
10. A well-grown valise.

As one end of a trunk protruded out of the window above him Aubrey jumped aside and exclaimed: "Dearest Vinetta, what are you going to do with all this household furniture?"

"Why, I want to take something along."

"Well, darling, we won't be gone more than one day; besides I did not bring a railroad truck. How are we to freight these across the line? You need no baggage. I have only an extra paper collar."

"Aubrey, you are just beginning to get acquainted with woman. How can she travel without a little baggage? This lot is nothing!"

He had fallen across the pile in a swoon. On recovering, he said: "Precious, these cannot go via mule."
"But they must go. I insist."
"It is utterly impossible."
"Then, Aubrey, the procession can't start. I have only taken what I require."

"Well, I cannot transport 'em."
"In that case you cannot take me."
"Then our elopement and marriage are off!"

"Clear off!" she cried between a couple of sighs.
"And so am I; farewell forever!"

And the sound of mule heels broke the Christmas eve silence down the road. —Tid-Bits.

Stonewall Jackson's Way.

It was customary for the corps of cadets to devote several weeks each spring to artillery drill. General Jackson commanding the battalion. We had a four-gun battery; the carriages and caissons were trim and light; the pieces six pounds caliber. The cadets managed them by hand with ease and dexterity. At one of the drills, a cadet whose name I forbear to mention, became offended at Major Jackson, and when he thought he was unobserved, the Major's back being turned towards him, he threw a brickbat at him with all his strength. The Major did notice the cowardly act. The next morning, when Major Jackson was coming to his class-room, he had to pass immediately under the windows of the barracks. This same cadet sought to gratify his base, cowardly nature by throwing a brickbat down upon him from the window of a room on the fourth stoop.

Again he failed to notice the act, although the brick came near striking him. He passed on without looking up. Of course, such conduct was condemned by the cadets, some of whom were cognizant of both acts. At last the professors heard of it, and one asked Major Jackson why he did not seek to discover the miscreant and report him. He replied: "The truth is, I did not want to know that we had such a coward in the corps of cadets."

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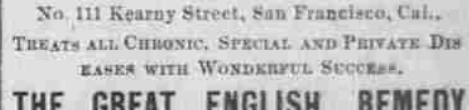
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